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PANCHAYATI RAJ & DRINKING WATER DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 7th January, 2022

S.R.O. No.52/2022.— Whereas, the draft of certain rules further to amend the Odisha Zilla Parishad Election Rules, 1994 was published as required under sub-section (1) of Section 51 of the Odisha Zilla Parishad Act, 1991 (Odisha Act 17 of 1991), in the Extraordinary issue No. 2008 of the *Odisha Gazette*, dated the 3rd December, 2021 under the notification of the Government of Odisha in the Panchayati Raj & Drinking Water Department No. 21071, dated the 2nd December, 2021 bearing **S.R.O. No.465/2021**, inviting objections and suggestions from all persons likely to be affected thereby till the expiry of a period of fifteen days from the date of publication of the said notification in the *Odisha Gazette*.

And, whereas, no objection or suggestion have been received in respect of the said draft during the stipulated period by the State Government;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub -section (1) of Section 51 of the said Act, the State Government do hereby make the following rules further to amend the Panchayat Zilla Parishad Election Rules, 1994, namely:—

Amendment

1. (1) These rules may be called the Odisha Zilla Parishad Election (Amendment) Rules, 2022.

(2) They shall come in to force on the date of their publication in the *Odisha Gazette*.

2. In the Odisha Zilla Parishad Election Rules, 1994, after rule 51, the following rule shall be inserted, namely:—

" 51A. (1) Every political party, whose member as an elector casts a vote for the purpose of election to the office of the President, or as the case may be, the Vice-President, may appoint one Authorised agent and the President or the General Secretary of the State Level Political Party or State Unit of the National Political Party shall, in writing, inform the same to the Election Officer with full details of the Authorised agent proposed to be so engaged for the said election prior to the scheduled date of election.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in rules 50 and 51, the Election Officer shall, between the period, when an elector being a member of a political party records his vote on a ballot paper and before such elector inserts that ballot paper into the ballot box, allow the Authorised agent of that political party to verify as to whom such elector has cast his vote."

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By Order of the Governor

A.K.K. MEENA

Principal Secretary to Government